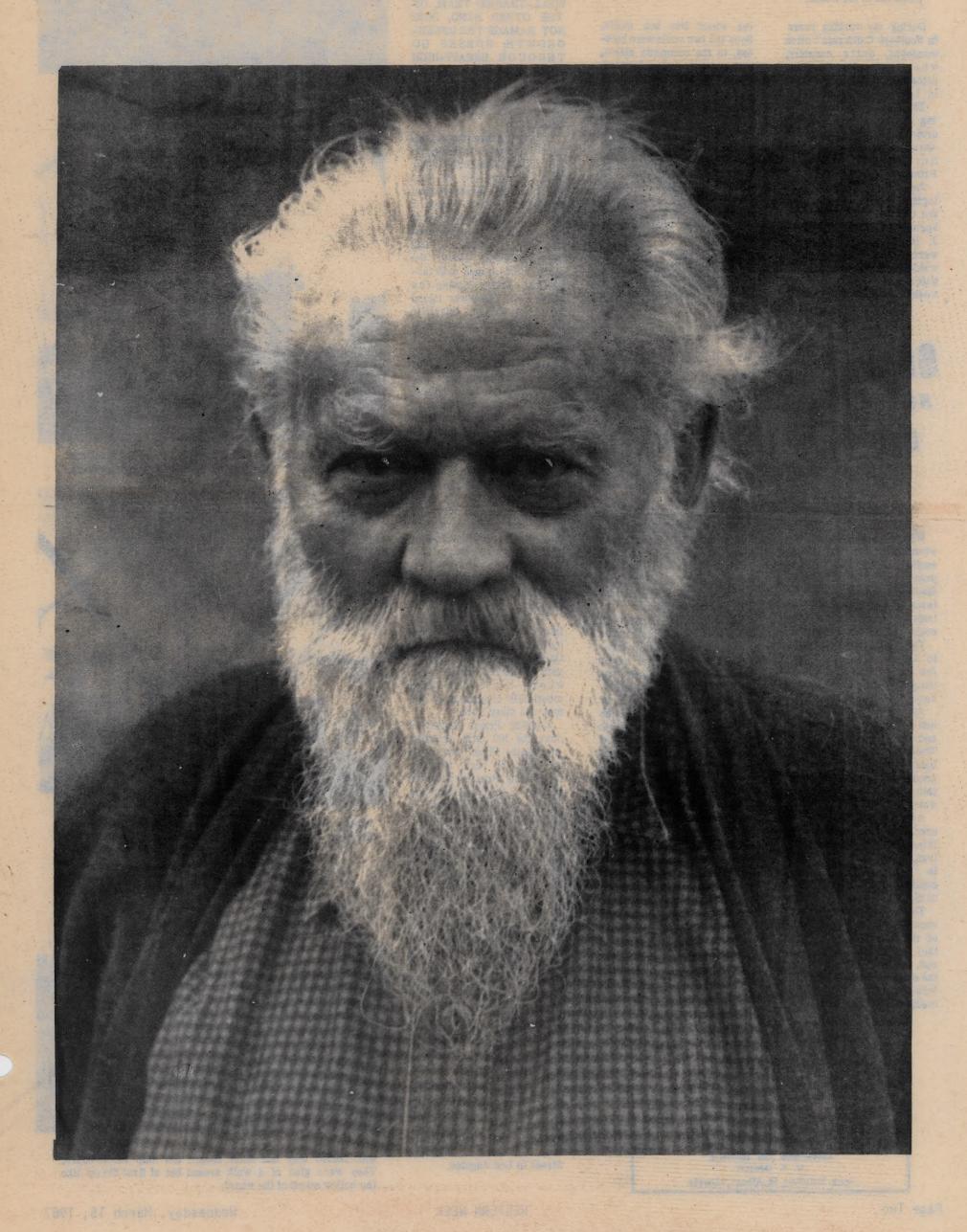
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DRAYTON VALLEY



Horses preferred over machines in Northern lumber camps

Story and Photographs by Eric D. Sismey.

There is one place, at least, in our western world where the work-horse is still king. That place is the Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of northern British Columbia where drafthorses snake 80, 90 and even 100 foot cedar utility poles out of the woods.

During my working years in Southern California I often wondered, quite casually, where those cloud-reaching poles along Alameda Street in Los Angeles came from.

Three years ago while taking a cargo ship, round trip cruise from Vancouver to the Queen Charlottes aboard Northland's Mv. Skeena Prince, I found out.

Just before sailing when I, together with my shipmates, the Charles Burtons of Palm Springs, California and the J. H. Hamiltons of Calgary, were leaning over the rail watching the last of our cargo winched aboard, two white work-horses were led along the wharf into box stalls, Soon the two stalls were hoisted, to the occupants alarm, and spotted, facing forward, across #1. hatch under the lee of the fo'c's'le head.

Soon after sailing I asked Oscar States, of Vancouver, about his team. Horses, he explained, are always used where long cedar poles are cut. Cedar trees, for extra length poles, do not grow in solid stands but are scattered among other trees through the forest.

Tractors, even small ones, play havoc with undergrowth, they destroy young trees and disturb the spongy wet soil.

When a long pole hangs up or becomes wedged between trees atractor, unless closely watched, keeps going until something lets go or the pole becomes badly bruised. A WELL-TRAINED TEAM, ON THE OTHER HAND, DOES NOT DAMAGE THE UNDER-GROWTH: HORSES GO THROUGH BREAST-HIGH FERN AND SALAL DOING LITTLE DAMAGE AND IF A POLE SNAGS ATEAMSTOPS UNTIL THE TROUBLE IS CLEARED.

During the three day voyage from Vancouver to Skidegate on the Queen Charlottes Oscar spent a good deal of time with his team. He watered and fed them, blanketted them at night, unloaded them as often as possible for awalk-around and when it rained or salt spray splashed aboard the stalls were draped with tarpaulins. After leaving the shelter of Vancouver Island to cross Queen Charlotte Sound swells which had rolled a thousand miles across the Pacific kicked our ship about. During this time Oscar stayed close to his team, his voice, as he talked to them quietly. seemed to allay their alarm.

It is a 30 hour run from Vancouver to the Namu cannery, on Fitshugh Sound, where the team was unloaded for the first time. It was amusing to watch Indian children peeking warily around the cannery buildings: they had never seen a live horse and only after persuasion did they approach for a closer look, But two Namu dogs who had come to see the ship never did venture near the strange animals.

At Prince Rupert, 18 hours later, the two horses spent nearly half a day ashore. Oscar walked them along a path across the railway track where they could snatch mouthfulls of grass from the foot of a steep bank,

Leaving Prince Rupert at dusk the 100 mile crossing of Hecate Strait was made at night, by early morning the Skeena Prince was under the lee of Graham Island and by mid-morning the big white team was unloaded at Sandspit, the Queen Charlottes airport on Moresby Island. Outside the airport fence in the lush knee-high gr Oscar left the horses to themselves for an hour or two.

Later that day, after crossing the inlet, they were unloaded at Skidegate on Graham Island. This time to a truck which was to wheel man and team, harness and baled hay and sacked oats to a forest camp somewhere behind Queen Charlotte City. And the last we saw of Oscar's team were the two white heads bobbing above the sides of the stalls.

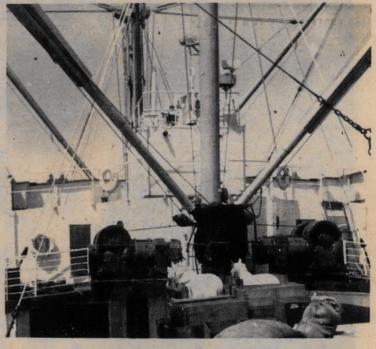
Oh!, the poles? At summer's end they would be loaded on a barge to be towed to Seattle. Who knows!. Some of them may even find their way back down to Alameda Street in Los Angeles.



Where is my mate. Work team waiting to be loaded aboard Mv. Skeena Prince at Vancouver for shipment to Skidegate in the Queen Charlotte Islands. This is a three day voyage. In two places (each more than 50 miles) the crossing is over the open Pacific.



Horse and stall being hoisted aboard, The skilled winchman is careful not to frighten the horse by rough handling.



Skeena Prince proceeds in calm water in the Strait of Georgia.



Ashore at Namu, a cannery town. At the time the team was landed they had been aboard the ship for 30 hours, They were glad of a walk around but at first did not like the hollow sound of the wharf,

SALT sacred and precious through the ages

Wm. Grasiuk Thorsby, Alberta.

Who would take offence when called the "salt of the earth?" Christ used that expression when he spoke of his disciples. Damon applied the term to Pythias. Salt is so important that human life could not go on without it.

The first written reference to salt occurs in the Bible. Job says, "Can an unsavory thing be eaten that is not seasoned with salt?"

Amongst the Hebrews, salt had a religious significance and was a symbol of purity. They used to rub newborn babies with it to insure their good health, Elisha threw salt into a spring to purify its water.

Among the orientals, salt used at a meal, is a sign of friendship and hospitality. In Iran, to say to a man that he "untrue to salt" is the equivalent of accusing him of disloyalty.

The early Germans fought each other for the possession of the salt springs because they believed they were sacred. Salt was so valuable to the natives of some South Sea Islands that they used it as a medium of exchange.

Travellers in the tropics, include in their rations salt tablets which are taken regularly on particularly hot days, because perspiration drains the body of salt and they become tormented by thirst if they don't have an extra intake of salt. For curiously enought, it is not liquid the body needs, but salt.

Besides being an essential food, salt has many other uses today. Silver spoons, tarnished by eggs, are easily cleaned by rubbing them with salt. Fruit stains are easily removed from the hands by rubbing salt and lemon juice on them. A salt-water bath will ease the itching caused by mosquito and other insect bites.

To keep blueing from streaking clothes, add a cupful of salt to the rinse water. To brighten the colours in a rug, sprinkle it with salt before sweeping or vacuuming.

A pinch of salt, slowly will often stop an annoying tickling in the throat. Salt eaten, before taking bitter tasting medicine, will render it tasteless.

Don't throw away that felt hat because it is soiled with soot; cover the soiled part with dry salt and after an interval brush it off. Your hat will be transformed.

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SMALL FRY HUMOUR

Last June I had my young grandson staying with me, It was his first year in school. One day we had lamb chops for dinner. I told him this lamb came from New Zealand After dinner he was quiet for awhile and then said "Grandma when you go to England again will you bring a lambs mother?" I said why and he said so we can have BIGGER lamb chops. He thought I had brought the lamb chops from England.

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Wolf is no "Wolf"

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The timber wolf is a large, broad- headed wild Canine (Canis Lupus) related to domestic dogs. Although very few wolves ever reach such heroic proportions, specimens of larger subspecies have weighed as much as 175 pounds measured 69 inches from tip of nose to tip of tail and 38 inches at the shoulder. Females are smaller--usually about two-thirds the size of males. A thick, rich fur, usually of grizzled grey, covers both the male and the female.

Although maligned as a stock killer, the wolf's principal food in its natural habitat is wild animals. Deer, caribou, moose, rabbits and small rodents are favorite menu items. They prey mainly on the old, weak, or diseased animals and thus contribute to the health of game populations. By aiding in the reduction of wildlife to the carrying capacity of its food supply, they also help keep

game ranges in good condition.

CONSERVATIONISTS SUG-GEST SEVERAL WAYS TO SAVE THE REMAINING WOLF POPULATION: RE-MOVE THE ARCHAIC AND DISCREDITED BOUNTY SYS-TEM; RESTOCK WILDER-NESS AREAS WHERE THERE IS NO CONFLICT WITH LIVE STOCK INTERESTS: AND LOCATE REMNANT POPU-LATIONS AND PRESERVE THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

Artist story draws wide comment

The article with pictures on Mr. George Lezard in the January 18th issue of Western Week has aroused a good deal of comment and interest among readers. Included in the letters was one from the Northwest Indian Society on the Gonzaga University campus in Spokane, Washington asking for more information. The author, Mr. Eric Sismey is making arrangements for representatives of the Society to meet Mr. Lezard, Eighty-one-year-old George Lezard is an artist who devotes his talent to the preservation of the native culture of his people.

This Week's Cover

Perhaps it takes a lot of living before a face will show the strength and character interest seen in our cover photo by Eric Sismey. His subject was the late Mr. Martin Ravenkilde of Sitka, Alaska, who was a '98er to the Klondike and later a pioneer at the Golden Sands at Nome.



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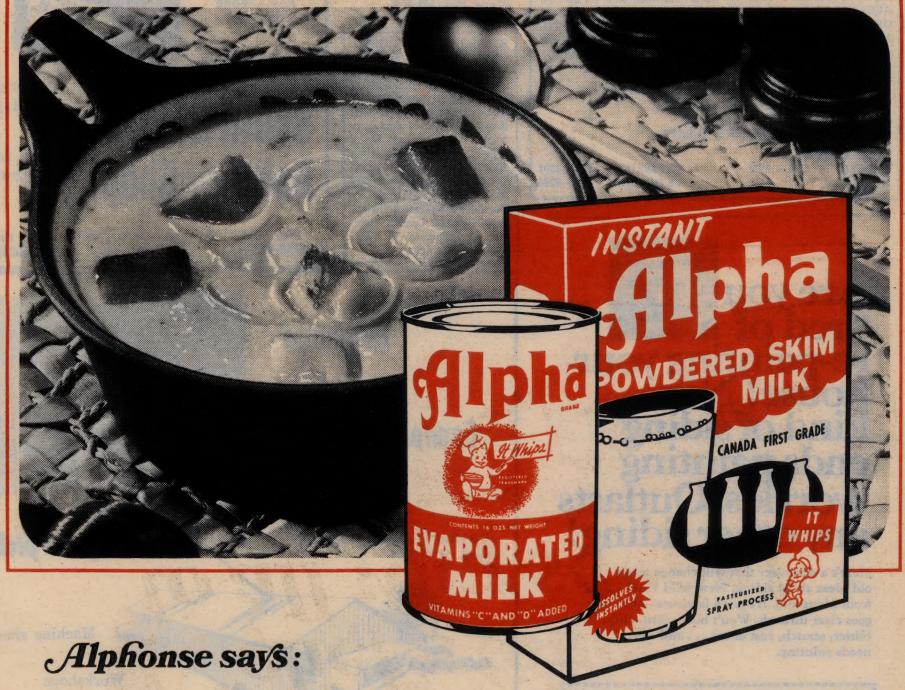
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